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METHOD OF FORMING THE SAME
Art Unit : 3725
Examiner : BONK, TERESA

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed
March 28, 2006, the term for response to which expires on
June 28, 2006.

Amendments to the Specification are set forth on page 2 of
this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of
claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Claims 1-5 are
amended; claims 14, 16 and 17 are maintained; and claims 6-13,
15, 18 and 19 are canceled.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.